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SUBJECT: 1976 TREATY, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOP-
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1. AT WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 24 AND 25, SPANISH SIDE
INQUIRED AS TO POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING THOSE FUNDS TO
BE SPENT IN SPAIN AS PART OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS
TO THE COOPERATING SPANISH GOVERNMENT AGENCY INSTEAD OF
PROVIDING ALL PROJECT FUNDS TO A USG AGENCY FOR EXPEND-
ITURE IN BOTH SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. UNDER PROPOSED
PROCEDURE WE CONTEMPLATE THAT USG AGENCY WOULD CONTINUE
TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR PAYING U.S. PERSONNEL AND TRAVEL
COSTS, FOR PROCUREMENT OF PROJECT RELATED EQUIPMENT (WHICH
IS TO BE PURCHASED IN THE U.S.) AND FOR OTHER EXPEND-
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2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH SEVERAL USG AGENCIES
WHICH HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE S&T PROGRAM. THEY
AGREE THAT THE SPANISH PROPOSAL IS FEASIBLE, HOWEVER, THEY
POINTED OUT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE IN OBTAINING TIMELY
FINANCIAL REPORTING. WE EMPHASIZED TO USG AGENCIES THAT

WE WOULD NEED TIMELY PROJECT REPORTING FROM BOTH THE USG
AND SPANISH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON A JOINT BASIS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE SPANISH
PROPOSAL THAT FUNDS TO BE SPENT IN SPAIN UNDER COOPERATIVE
RESEARCH PROGRAMS WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO SPANISH GOVERN-
MENT AGENCIES THROUGH THE EMBASSY AND SECRETARIAT. IN
SUMMARY, FUNDS TO SUPPORT USG AGENCY PARTICIPATION WOULD
BE TRANSFERRED TO USG AGENCIES, WHILE FUNDS TO SUPPORT
SPANISH GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATION WOULD BE TRANS-
FERRED TO SPANISH AGENCIES. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SPANISH
SIDE HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THE NEED FOR JOINT
PROJECT REPORTING ON A TIMELY BASIS.
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